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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please consider the following remarks regarding the above-identified application:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.